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MCB increases measures against security threats

BY CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

CAMP FOSTER — The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Henry Shelton ordered all U.S. military installations across the globe to increase force protection measures Tuesday following the terrorist attacks that occurred in Washington, D.C., and New York City earlier that morning. Marines, Sailors, and civilians on Okinawa can expect significant delays and increase of traffic when attempting to enter military bases as security forces implement heightened procedures.

"Safety is paramount as we implement these security measures, especially with increased traffic at gate checks," said Col. Kenneth D. Dunn, chief of staff, Marine Corps Base Smedley D. Butler. He added that people should not overreact and should use common sense.

Japan has one of the best anti-terrorism efforts of any country in the world, according to Dunn, but he takes any potential threat seriously. "The threat is low, but we will take precautions as directed by higher authority," he said.

The increased force protection measures were ordered shortly after two apparently hijacked commercial aircraft hit both World Trade Center towers in New York City, while a third airliner crashed into an outside wall of the Pentagon Tuesday. Both 110-story trade center buildings collapsed within two hours. A fourth airliner, also believed to have been hijacked, crashed near Pittsburgh in the same timeframe.



LANCE CPL. JAMES S. MCGREGOR

A Marine guarding the main gate of Camp Butler Sept. 12 looks under a vehicle before allowing the vehicle to pass.

President George W. Bush sent a warning to countries that turn a blind eye to terrorist activities within their borders.

"The search is under way for those

who are behind these evil acts. I have directed the full resources of our

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1/2 evaluates new Marine rifle squad structure

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN — Marines from B Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, are currently evaluating a new change to the current Marine rifle squad.

The evaluations have been ongoing since March and will continue until the company completes their training in October at the Jungle Warfare Training Center.

The evaluations, which were directed to the Marines through Marine

Forces Atlantic, are centered on the feasibility of using an 11-man squad as opposed to the current 13-man configuration. Within this evaluation, the organization of the fire team in the squad is being evaluated as well.

"The evaluations are seeing what team concepts and what fire team organizations work best," said Gunner (Chief Warrant Officer) Pat Woellhof, battalion gunner, 1st Bn., 2nd Marines. "We are also trying to identify if a designated grenadier is effective to support the team, as well as the SAW (squad automatic weapon) gun-

ners and designated marksmen."

The main change with the structure of the squad is two, five-man fire teams with one squad leader, according to Capt. Karl Rohr, company commander, A Co., 1st Bn., 2nd Marines.

"We are really just evaluating if that kind of crew is valid," Woellhof said. "A squad is always a squad, but within it are the team elements, and we are evaluating what team elements work the best."

A designated grenadier is a Marine with an M203 grenade launcher at-

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Respectable behavior, honorable neighbor.

"Mad Cow" poses possible danger to blood supply

Blood center loses 18 percent of donations due to disease

PFC. MARK S. ALLEN
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP LESTER — The Pacific Command Blood Donor Center, U.S. Naval Hospital, instituted requirements Sept. 5 to defer Department of Defense affiliates and civilians who traveled to Europe between 1980 and 1996 from donating blood.

The requirements were established in response to the possible transmission of the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease through blood transfusion.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease has been commonly referred to as "Mad Cow" disease. It devastated livestock in Europe last summer.

The Food and Drug Administration recently advised all blood donor clinics of the new regulations for donating blood.

"Evidence hasn't been shown that the disease can be transmitted through blood transfusion, but the FDA still wants to prevent the possible circulation of the disease," said Navy Lt. John E. Van Patten, officer in charge, Pacific Command Blood Donor Center, U.S. Naval Hospital.

The CJD is a fatal nervous system degenerative disease that originated in



PFC. MARK S. ALLEN

New Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease regulations have been introduced to reduce the possible risk of CJD being transmitted through blood transfusions.

cows and can be transmitted through eating the brain tissue of animals infected with the disease. The FDA has banned the use of beef nervous tissue in America's food supply.

"The disease degenerates brain tissue and progressively destroys more of the brain as it continues," Van Patten said.

According to an immediate release from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there have been cases of CJD reported in the United

Kingdom, but no reported cases in the United States.

The Armed Services Blood Program Office has implemented the following regulations to prevent a CJD epidemic through blood transfusion:

Anyone who has spent three months or more in the United Kingdom during 1980 to 1996 is indefinitely deferred from donating blood.

Department of Defense affiliates, including family members of DoD personnel, who have resided in or traveled to

Europe for six months or more between 1980 and 1996 are also indefinitely deferred from donating blood.

Any civilian who resided in, or traveled to Europe for five years or more between 1980 and present day, is indefinitely deferred from donating blood.

The Pacific Command Blood Donor Center is responsible for supporting the entire overseas Pacific region and despite the deference of some donors, needs to keep a continuous blood supply.

"It's important to donate blood because we support the entire Pacific, our own hospital, and all sorts of facilities," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Lucretia Organ, laboratory technician, Pacific Command Blood Donor Center, U.S. Naval Hospital. "The donated blood is only good for a certain amount of time, so we need to keep the blood coming."

The new regulations affect 18 percent of active duty service members, which makes an impact on the military blood supply.

"If you are able to donate, please do because we will undoubtedly lose more regular blood donors than 18 percent, so unless more people volunteer to donate, there may not be enough blood to save lives," Van Patten said.

For more information on blood donation requirements concerning CJD or a blood donation schedule, visit www.oki.med.navy.mil

3rd Mar. Div. celebrates history, birthday

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CAMP COURTNEY — Service members and civilian employees of the 3rd Marine Division will celebrate 59 years of history Monday with an official birthday and cake cutting ceremony on the camp's parade deck.

The 3rd Marine Division's history spans almost six decades, and it has been involved in some of the most notorious battles in American history.

The division was formed around the 9th Marine Regiment Sept. 16, 1942, at Camp Elliott, San Diego, under the command of Maj. Gen. Charles D. Barrett. The Marines and Sailors of the unit began organizing the unit and training for combat in the South Pacific, as U.S. involvement in World War II intensified.

During the first two months of 1943, the Headquarters Battalion was moved to Auckland, New Zealand, and in August of that year they moved to Guadalcanal. The division began intensive special training and rehearsals for the Bougainville Operation in the Solomon Islands. Their training was put to use Nov. 1, 1943, when the 3rd Marine Division landed at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville Island. The fighting against heavy enemy forces lasted approximately two months.

The unit continued training on Guadalcanal for missions that were cancelled until July 21, 1944, when they landed on the western beaches of Guam. It took division troops 20 days of fierce fighting to reach the northern coast of the island. The division remained on Guam to participate in mopping up operations until February of 1945.

After leaving Guam, the Marines steamed toward Iwo Jima, Japan. The division remained off the coast while naval gunfire and U.S. pilots softened the beaches in preparation for the Marines' assault.

The 3rd Marine Division landed on Iwo Jima Feb. 24 and launched an attack the next morning between the 4th and 5th Marine Divisions. Progress was slow and casualties were high for the Marines as they left the beach and headed inland. The 3rd Marine Division secured its zone March 11. Division Marines then initiated intensive patrolling and mopping up operations. It was the 3rd Marine Division that made the final offensive March 16 to Kitano Point, Iwo Jima. Iwo Jima was declared secure the same day.

Ten Marines from the 3rd Marine Division were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their actions on Iwo Jima.

The 3rd Marine Division left Iwo Jima April 4 and headed back to Guam to prepare for their next mission. That next mission never came. With the end of World War II came the disbandment of the division on Dec. 28, 1945.

The division was reactivated January 7, 1952, at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Again, immediately after its formation, the unit began organizing the battalion and intensely training for combat in Korea.

In March of 1956, the division was moved to Okinawa, until 1965. In '65 the 3rd Marine Division opened the Marine Compound at the Danang Air Base, Vietnam. The division participated in operations from Danang to Phu Bai and Quang Tri. The division was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for service in Vietnam from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1968. Thirty-two Marines were awarded the Medal of Honor for gallant actions during the Vietnam War.

During November of 1969, the battalion moved to Camp Courtney, Okinawa, where it remains a force in readiness.

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tached to his M16A2 service rifle, and the primary weapon for this Marine is his M203. The designated marksman is a Marine with a scope attached to his M16A2 for sniping and reconnaissance purposes.

"The concept of the designated marksman can work well," said Pugallup, Wash., native Cpl. Michael Jordan, designated marksman, 2nd platoon, B Co., 1st Bn., 2nd Marines. "In today's military, the future is going to battle in urban environments. It's good to have the designated marksmen with his scope scanning the long streets to see things too far away to see with the naked eye."

"The evaluations are going really well. We are just helping to provide feedback for the Marine Corps," Rohr said.

The feedback so far is both positive and negative from both sides of the testing. Corporal Jeremy Monica, team leader, 2nd platoon, B Co., 1st Bn., 2nd Marines, observed a positive aspect dealing with the new organization while patrolling with his squad.

"One advantage is it's easier to move having designated marksmen in front," said Monica, a Malone, N.Y., native. "It's easier to control your team with them all moving together. Most of the time you could move a great distance easier."

"We are identifying some characteristics of smaller squads that pose a few problems," Woellhof said. "You can't take absorbed casualties because for every one casualty, you need two Marines to take them back to receive medical care. With 11 men in a squad, you see that the numbers don't match well."

Following their training schedule, they will consolidate the reports and submit them to Headquarters Marine Corps where all the information will be combined Rohr said. "The Commandant of the Marine Corps directed us to find innovative and better ways of doing business."

Currently these evaluations are being conducted around the Corps dealing with tactics and weapons systems. Until these trials and evaluations are complete, basic warfighting will remain the same for infantry Marines.

Marines fall victim to identity theft

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Right now, someone is purchasing expensive items and spending money for their convenience, and they might be using your identity. Sadly, they may be getting away with it at your expense.

In the amount of time it takes you to read this article, a criminal can find out everything he needs to use your name for obtaining fraudulent credit cards, identification and loans. This is referred to as identity theft, and it is a crime.

Fraud in the Marine Corps comes in many forms, and identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes around the world that affect Marines everyday, according to a Naval Criminal Investigative Service publication.

Identity theft begins when someone illegally obtains another person's identification or personal status and uses it for financial gain. Some Marines feel their personal information is protected from disclosure, but that is not true.

"The information about personal activity that is processed on a daily basis in the military makes all Marines possible victims of fraud," said Matt E. Parsons, resident agent in charge, NCIS, Camp Foster. "Marines can't prevent falling victim to fraud, but they can educate themselves to catch the situation before it's too late."

Some of the most commonly stolen information used for fraud includes social security, bank account, telephone calling card, and debit and

credit card numbers. Criminals use these numbers to transfer funds, make purchases, and create usable credit cards and new identities.

"Unfortunately, many Marines do not realize how easy it is for criminals to access personal numbers and begin using them within minutes," Parsons said.

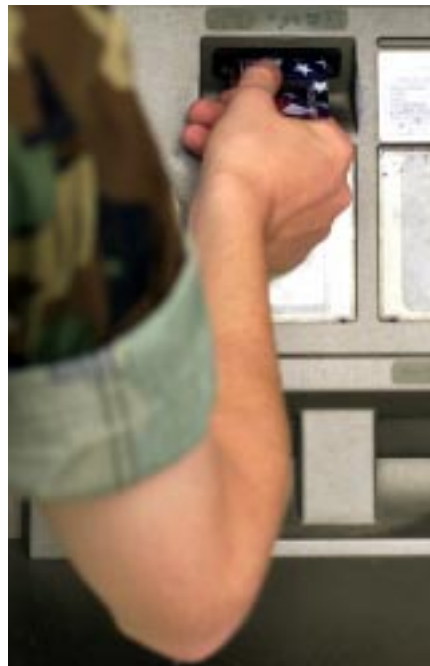
Personal information is less confidential and access is easier than ever because of the advances in technology such as new databases, computers and the growth of the Internet, which makes fake identification just a click away.

Along with using the Internet, criminals can search through trash for thrown away personal documents, listen in on phone conversations and steal wallets and purses.

"Identity theft can occur in your backyard or on the playground," said Sgt. Ronnie J. Livingston, motor transportation operator, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base. "Fraud is all around us, and it's sometimes hard to recognize. That's why it's important for Marines to educate themselves before it's too late."

Livingston, a victim himself, said Marines could reduce the risk of fraud and other illegal activity by taking preventive steps. These steps include keeping all personal data as confidential as possible and keeping a close watch on billing and bank statements.

But the problem does not end with stolen personal data and money. For some, their reputation and credit reports are scarred with bad credit, which can take years and a lot of money to repair.



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Identity theft has become one of the fastest growing crimes that affects Marines every day. With a few preventive steps, Marines can protect themselves from falling victim to identity theft.

"A ruined credit report can be very costly and troublesome to Marines because financial stability is nothing you can rebuild overnight," Livingston said. "Stress and financial struggle are often experienced during an identity theft crisis."

If a Marine is victim of identity theft, he or she should contact the nearest NCIS office immediately and file a complete report. Provide them as much information as possible, and contact all financial institutions, informing them of the situation.

Ways to prevent identity theft

1. Shred all credit card, bank and other financial statements.
2. Always use secure websites for Internet purchases and inquires.
3. Do not discuss financial matters on wireless or cellular phones.
4. Write or call the Department of Motor Vehicles to have your personal information protected from disclosure.
5. Do not use your mother's maiden name as a password on your credit cards.
6. Be wary of anyone calling to "confirm" personal information.
7. Thoroughly review all bank, credit card and phone statements for unauthorized activity.
8. Monitor when new credit cards, checks or ATM cards are being mailed to you and report any that are missing or late.
9. Close all unused credit/bank accounts, and destroy old credit cards. Shred all unused credit card offers.
10. Always ask for the carbon papers of credit purchases.
11. Do not leave outgoing credit card payments in your mailbox.
12. Do not carry your Social Security card in your wallet unless needed.
13. Order your credit report once a year and look for any discrepancies.

Naval Hospital offers teen population new health program

CAPHS reaches out to help adolescents get full range of clinical preventive services

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP LESTER — In an effort to provide comprehensive medical care to the increasing adolescent population on Okinawa, the U. S. Naval Hospital Pediatric Clinic has recently introduced a new program called the Comprehensive Adolescent Preventive Health Service clinic.

The CAPHS clinic offers eligible teens, ages 13 to 18 years old, a full range



Okitan-Mitchell

of clinical preventive services, which include health and physical examinations, screening to detect early health problems

and education about normal adolescent development. "By providing an adolescent clinic, quality medical care can be delivered, and at the same time young adults can learn the importance of being responsible for their well being," said Cmdr.

Sandra Okitan-Mitchell, division officer and primary care manager, U. S. Naval Hospital Pediatric Clinic. "I believe adolescents don't take preventive medicine seriously enough, so this is our way of reaching out to them."

Okitan-Mitchell developed the clinic due to rapid physical and psychological adolescent development. She feels young people need assistance at times.

During each clinic, Okitan-Mitchell meets with teens and their parents to discuss health issues, screening history, social problems, drugs and immunizations.

She administers the 30-minute session on

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Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., and feels by offering the clinics once a week, it increases the chance of a teenager understanding and applying what they have learned. "The clinic helps bridge the gap between parents and children, because they don't view issues the same," Okitan-Mitchell said. "Hopefully through this program, it will bring more individuality to the adolescent and bring their parents closer to them."

The pediatric clinic guarantees complete pri-

vacy and confidentiality during each visit, encouraging each adolescent and parent to open up and share their feelings and emotions without feeling pressured by an office environment.

For adolescents who wish to participate in the clinic without a parent, a Pediatric Practice Evaluation and Treatment Release Form is available for parents to sign, which states the adolescent can participate without their presence.

The pediatric clinic's staff supports the program by offering their personal assistance to Okitan-Mitchell.

"Our staff is dedicated and particularly sensitive to the special needs of teens and their parents," said Lt. Cmdr. Joan Poochoon, pediatric nurse-practitioner and lactation consultant, U.S. Naval Hospital Pediatric Clinic. "We're here for them and their needs, because we want the best for them."

The pediatric clinic plans to incorporate the CAPHS clinic into the local high schools around Okinawa, enabling teens to have more of a chance to learn about preventive medical care.

"I strongly believe teenagers need to be empowered with preventive medical issues before it's too late," Okitan-Mitchell concluded. "I'm hoping this program will reach out to adolescents and their parents on issues that need discussion during these vital years of their life."

For more information on the CAPHS clinic, or to sign up for the program, contact Okitan-Mitchell at 643-7664.



STAFF SGT. ROBERT KNOLL

After storming down Broadway, a platoon of 60 Marines from the 6th Communications Battalion of Brooklyn and the 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment of Garden City demonstrated their drill and physical training abilities for The Late Show with David Letterman Sept. 6.

Marines assault The Late Show

STAFF SGT. ROBERT KNOLL
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

NEW YORK — In the heart of one of the most famous cities in the world, 60 Marines stormed Broadway while shouting an echoing cadence that could be heard for miles. Traffic was stopped, but the Marines weren't — and after halting in front of the Ed Sullivan Theater on 53rd and Broadway, they ran straight onto The Late Show with David Letterman in front of more than 10 million viewers.

"I'll just tell you one thing, do I have any regrets in my life? No. Except maybe one; I wish I was a Marine," David Letterman said during his opening monologue about his "shortcomings." He prefaced the Marine Corps appearance with his usual comedy by saying that if he was a Marine, the network "pinheads" wouldn't push him around.

In order to keep viewers glued to the broadcast, Letterman teased them by saying, "On the show tonight, we have some Marines. That's all I'm going to say." The Marine demonstration was the final five minutes of the hour-long show.

The platoon that stormed down Broadway was comprised of local active-duty and reserve Marines from the 6th Communications Battalion

of Brooklyn and the 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment of Garden City, N.Y.

Staff Sgt. James Mason, a drill instructor from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., filled the shoes as the platoon sergeant as he guided the formation run from its starting point at 55th Street and Broadway.

Using a "recon shuffle," they ran south on Broadway yelling some of the cadences that have made the Marine Corps famous. The platoon halted below the show's giant marquee at the Ed Sullivan Theater where The Late Show is taped. After a few precision drill movements, the Marines double-timed through the corridors of the theater and onto the stage, all while singing Letterman's favorite cadences.

Once the Marines were on stage in a platoon formation, they spread into two columns, which presented a color guard in Dress Blues from 2/25. In addition to the platoon and the color guard, 23 Marines in Dress Blues were in the studio audience as a supporting cast.

For years, David Letterman has been a big fan and supporter of the Marine Corps, according to Sheryl Zelikson, a Late Show music coordinator. He got the idea for this demonstration by listening to drill instructor cadence tapes when he ran.

SGLI expands to include spouses, children

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance plan will also cover troops' spouses and eligible children beginning Nov. 1.

The Veterans' Opportunities Act of 2001, signed by President Bush last spring, allows for up to \$100,000 coverage for military spouses and \$10,000 coverage for each child.

If the service member has SGLI coverage of \$100,000 or more, maximum coverage for the spouse will be automatic, and premiums will be deducted along with the member's premium from each month's pay. If the service member carries less than \$100,000 coverage, however, the spouse's coverage can be no higher than the member's, Navy Capt. Chris Kopang explained.

"For instance, if the member only had \$50,000 in coverage on himself, he can only get \$50,000 for his spouse," said Kopang, DoD director of compensation.

He added that spouse coverage must be elected in \$10,000 increments. Premiums will be based on amount of coverage elected and the spouse's age.

Spouse's age	Rate per \$1,000	Maximum Monthly Premium
Under 35	\$.09	\$9
35-44	\$.13	\$13
45-49	\$.20	\$20
50-54	\$.32	\$32
55+	\$.55	\$55

Coverage for children up to age 18, or 23 if a fulltime student, is free and automatic, so long as the member is participating in SGLI, Kopang said. Eligible Reserve component members will receive the same family-member coverage with premiums being deducted from their drill pay, he said.

Service members will be able to decline or reduce spousal coverage, but officials are still working out the details. "Opt out" procedures and updates will be posted to the SGLI Web site at www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm.

Kopang cautioned service members to think carefully before opting out. "Members may sometimes feel they don't need life insurance for a spouse, especially if the spouse doesn't work outside the home," he said. "However, look at the cost of providing childcare, a nanny perhaps, or other things that contribute to maintaining the home. These are costs service members don't always realize they'll have."

Eligibility for spouse and children's coverage would end if the member terminates coverage, separates, retires, dies, or if the couple divorces. However, spouse coverage will extend 120 days past the date eligibility ends.

"That will give the spouse the opportunity to convert their policy to a commercial policy," Kopang said.

Spouse coverage can be converted to commercial policies when the service member separates from the military, but cannot be converted to the Veterans' Group Life Insurance plan.



Civilian Spotlight

Takeichi Tomari works as an automotive mechanic foreman for 3rd MRB, 3rd FSSG.

He started out working for the Army in 1964 and transferred to the Marine Corps in 1965. He has worked for the Marine Corps for 36 years.

Tomari acts as a liaison between the Marines and the Master Labor Contractors and supervises the overall work production of the MLCs. He also conducts interviews when hiring MLCs.

The only engines Tomari works on are American engines. When hiring MLCs, Tomari looks for workers who have a working knowledge of American engines.

Tomari's job includes translating between Marines and MLCs, inspecting and ensuring a quality control and supervising safety for all

workers. He often listens to proposals put before him from other MLCs and Marines, and then decides which proposal is more cost effective for his shop.

He also maintains accountability of all personnel who work for him. As supervisor, he checks on his workers daily and makes certain they stay medically fit.

Tomari says he enjoys working with the Marines because he likes to learn about different types of engines, and he learns something new everyday.

He also likes teaching Marines about Okinawa and his culture.

Tomari says that whenever the Marines are not around he and the other MLCs help out by working on III MEF ground equipment.

When not working, Tomari enjoys working on antique items such as classic cars and collecting coins. He has a wife, Naoko, and three children, Kaori, 27, Takemasa, 25, and Hisato, 23.

Name: Takeichi Tomari

Job title: Automotive Mechanic Foreman, Component Rebuild Platoon, General Support Maintenance Company, 3rd Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group

Hometown: Yonashiro Cho Henzan, Okinawa



LANCE CPL. JAMES S. MCGREGOR

Lance Cpl. Joshua F. Pfeiffer, multi-channel technician, Marine Wing Communications Squadron-18, and Cpl. Shawnette N. Barger, military policeman, Provost Marshals Office, Camp Foster, inspect all personnel before allowing them to enter Building 1 at Camp Butler.

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intelligence and law-enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to justice," Bush said in a nationally televised address less than 12 hours after what is being called the worst act of terrorism in America's history. "We will make no distinction between those who committed these acts and those who harbor them."

It is unknown how the United States will respond to the recent terrorist attacks. "The Marines on Okinawa are always prepared to respond when directed by higher authority," said Dunn.

As part of the increased force protection measures, security at base entrances have been enhanced by "a combination of military police and security forces augmentees," said Maj. John D. Troutman, deputy provost marshal, Camp Butler.

Delays may be experienced when trying to enter the base, though coordination has been made with local police to assist with safety and traffic control. Gate guards may search a vehicle's interior, trunk and undercarriage. They may even search under the hood.

Security has been increased in some buildings as well. Guards may search bags, "frisk" personnel and use metal detectors.

"Listen to the instructions of the security personnel at the gates," Dunn said. "What they are doing at the gates is for your safety and security."

Marine Corps Base Butler has also activated the Base Emergency Operations Center, which is standard any time the FPCON is increased. The BEOC monitors events and coordinates force protection measures.

The bases are not closed down, but all DoD schools are closed and liberty is cancelled until further notice due to the heightened security. Military members are restricted from traveling off Okinawa, and all single Marines living off base should return to their installation until further notice. Further information about U.S. Department of State travel advisories can be found at http://travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html.

The Naval hospital will remain open, however, Kinser Fest and the Foster Bazaar scheduled for this weekend have been cancelled.

The Navy and Marine Corps have established an information point for family and friends concerned about personnel assigned to the Pentagon or the National Capital Region. The phone number is 877-663-6772. The Army can be contacted at 800-984-8523 or 703-428-0002. The Air Force can be contacted at 800-253-9276.

The CJCS will determine how long increased security is necessary. There is currently no specified length of time. The Department of Defense will take all appropriate measures to protect its personnel.

"We will continue to monitor the situation and will keep the military community on Okinawa informed of developments as they affect Japan," said Dunn.



GUNNERY SGT. MATT HEVEZI

Typhoon soaks Fuji training

Helping Leathernecks prepare for Typhoon Danas' arrival at Camp Fuji, Ann Hatoway bags chips and soda Monday at the camp's PX. Marines recalled from their field training lined up to buy last-minute items to get them through the typhoon. 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment is deployed to Camp Fuji to conduct artillery live-fire drills. They suspended their field training and returned to camp Sunday night when officials announced Typhoon Condition-2 at Camp Fuji. The Marines are expected to resume training once Danas passes through.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Combined Federal Campaign

Training for all appointed community/area project officers, unit coordinators and key persons in support of the 2001 Combined Federal Campaign are requested to attend one of the following training sessions:

Sept. 17	Courtney Theater	10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Sept. 18	Kinser Theater	10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Personnel only need to attend one of the training sessions. For more information on the CFC, or to sign up for the training, please contact your community area project officer.

III MEF — Capt. Quinn at 622-7773
1st MAW — Staff Sgt. Parra at 645-2937
3rd MarDiv — 2nd Lt. Roe at 622-7458
3rd FSSG — 2nd Lt. Rak at 637-2505
MCB — Master Sgt. Caplinger at 636-7404
MCAS Futenma — Warrant Officer Geltmacher at 636-3006

Town hall

All residents from Camps Lester and Foster are invited to attend the Camp Foster/Lester Town Hall Meeting at the Globe and Anchor Club scheduled for Sept. 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, please call 645-7315, 7316, 7317 or 0632.

Jewish services

Services for Jewish High Holy Days will be held at the following times and locations:

Sept. 17 - 9:30 a.m. Rosh Hashana morning service at the Foster Chapel

Sept. 17 - 7 p.m. Rosh Hashana evening service at the Foster Chapel

Sept. 18 - 4:30 p.m. Tashlich Service and Fellowship at the Kinser Chapel

Sept. 19 - 9:30 a.m. Morning service at the Foster Chapel

Sept. 21 - 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Shuvah service at the Foster Chapel

Spouse scholarships

Applications for the 2001 Marine Officers Spouse Club Academic Merit Scholarship is available at the Marine Gift Shop and all Marine Corps Community Service Education Centers.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be a spouse of any active-duty Marine, a spouse of any retired Marine on Okinawa or a regular MOSC member as of May 30. All applicants must have SOFA status.

For more information on how to apply for the scholarship, contact Anne Woods at okinawamosc@yahoo.com.

The deadline for the application is Oct. 26.

Choir anniversary

The Gospel Choir of the Camp Foster Chapel will celebrate its anniversary at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Camp Foster Chapel.

Participating in the celebration will be the choirs of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Kadena Chapel One.

For more information, contact Chaplain Brenda Bradley-Davila at 645-7486.

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Why is drinking so socially acceptable?



GUNNERY SGT. DOMINIC A. GUERRA
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As I sat in on another safety brief on the issue of alcohol and underage drinking, it occurred to me that the Corps might not be doing something it should be doing.

I am referring to the impressions made in the minds of our junior Marines. Because drinking alcohol is legal, and because of its wide acceptance and availability, the emphasis on this issue tends to be "it's ok to drink," and the overwhelming impression and message sounds like:

"It's OK to drink if you are of legal age."

"It's OK to drink if you drink responsibly."

"It's OK to drink if you drink in moderation."

"It's OK to drink if you drink to relax."

"It's OK to drink if you drink to be social."

"It's OK to drink if you have a designated driver."

"It's OK to drink if you have a liberty buddy."

This list could go on and on.

Society preaches this message and assumes that you are supposed to drink when you come of legal age.

"With this in mind, I believe it is paramount that balance is put on this issue, and our young Marines are offered the flip side of the alcohol message that would impress upon them 'It's OK not to drink.'"

- Gunnery Sgt. Dominic A. Guerra

Television and magazine advertisements, music videos, songs, family and friends encourage folks to drink and disregard the flip side of the message of "It's also OK not to drink!"

If first impressions are lasting, then the lasting and overwhelming impression being made on our junior Marines is that it is OK to drink instead of it being OK not to drink.

I looked up the word "impression" in Webster's Dictionary and found the following...

Impression: 1. to use pressure on as to leave a mark 2. a) to have a marked effect on the mind or emotions of b) to arouse the interest or approval of 3. to implant firmly in the mind or fix in the memory

With this in mind, I believe it is paramount that balance is put on this issue and our young Marines are offered the flip side of the alcohol message that would impress upon them "It's OK not to drink."

Undoubtedly, by initiating such a campaign, many young Marines will be reached and alcohol related problems and habits would be prevented.

I suggest targeting younger Marines with this message since younger adults are more impressionable and receptive than those salty E-4's and above who have been around the block a few times and are already set in their ways.

The vast majority of our underage drinkers are only out looking for a good time. These



people need to understand that if they can't have a good time without alcohol, then there is a dependence of alcohol in their lives.

If these people cannot even imagine a party without alcohol, they have a problem. It is tough, but true.

Jails are full of young people who were just "looking for a good time," only to awaken from their drunken stupor to ask themselves, "What was I thinking?" How many times have we asked ourselves this same question?

I'm presenting the flip side of this message at my level and have found no one, even staff noncommissioned officers, who have heard this side of the alcohol message.

What Would You Do?

The following examination of leadership issues is not intended to present right or wrong answers. The goal is to provide a forum to encourage leadership discussions of challenging issues. Chaplain responses are designed to provide moral and ethical guidance. Questions, comments or ideas for a future scenario may be submitted to: editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil.

Taking responsibility seriously

You are a salty corporal who is now in charge of two Marines, a lance corporal and a private first class.

You are in an administrative billet and this is the first time in your Marine Corps career that you have had the privilege of leading junior Marines.

One Saturday night they invite you to a barracks party. When you get to the party there are several corporals, lance corporals and privates. The mixing of NCOs and non-NCO's doesn't really bother you, but it is your 20-year-old PFC with a beer in his hand who catches your eye.

You drank occasionally when you were underage, but were never caught. You would feel hypocritical if you said something.

You don't want to ruin this Marine's career, but you also know that you have certain responsibilities that come with your rank, so what do you do?

What the Marines said

Corporal with III Marine Expeditionary Force: "Dumb enough to get caught, then he's earned a trip to see the company first sergeant. If I would let him get away with it, then he would never learn."

Sergeant with 3rd Marine Division: "First, I would never be caught dead with privates and lance corporals, but I know Marines drink underage. I did it. In this situation the PFC let me catch him. But if it's his first time in trouble, I'm going to keep it between us."

Lance corporal with 3rd Mar. Div.: "Our command is really hard on underage drinking. I should be a corporal soon, and I'm not going to lose it for a PFC. But if it's a Marine who I know and have to work with or go to the field with, them I'm going to keep the situation as low key as possible without frying myself or the PFC."

What the Chaplain said

Chaplain: The corporal has an obligation as a leader to do the right thing, even if he is not comfortable with addressing the issue because of his past experiences. If the corporal looks the other way he not only perpetuates the problem, but he has sacrificed his ability to lead others. Leadership is about influence. How can one possibly lead others if he or she lacks the moral courage to do the right thing? It is important that the private first class understand that the real issue is not the drinking underage. The real issue is his lack of self-discipline, his disregard for the rules, and his disrespect of his leaders.

The corporal's responsibility in this situation is to teach his private first class that there are consequences for our actions. Neither the corporal nor the private first class get to choose the consequences. If you are responsible enough to make decisions, then you must be responsible enough to accept the consequences.

If we are going to live by our core values of honor, courage, and commitment we must learn to hold each other accountable when those values have been violated. If we don't hold each other accountable then our foundation begins to shake, trust is betrayed and America's finest becomes tarnished.

- Navy LT Timothy M. May, Chaplain, BLT 1/5, 31st MEU



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LANCE CPL. JOHN HOELLWARTH

A sniper of the 31st MEU's ground combat element (BLT 2/5) provides security for Marines guarding a mock U.S. embassy during a simulated noncombatant evacuation operation. The event was one of several exercises conducted during MEUEX II Aug. 27-30.



LANCE CPL. JOHN HOELLWARTH

Marines carry a simulated casualty during the massive casualty portion of a noncombatant evacuation operation during MEUEX II.



LANCE CPL. JOHN HOELLWARTH

Marines of the 31st MEU guard the perimeter of a mock U.S. embassy from a rioting mob during a noncombatant evacuation operation.



LANCE CPL. JOHN HOELLWARTH

Marines from the 31st MEU rest between shifts spent guarding the perimeter of a mock U.S. embassy from a riotous mob during a noncombatant evacuation operation as part of MEUEX II.



LANCE CPL. JOHN HOELLWARTH

Marines dressed in riot gear attempt to rescue an American citizen from the clutches of an angry mob during a simulated noncombatant evacuation operation.

MEUEX II stresses teamwork

GUNNERY SGT. MARLON J. MARTIN
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN — In the cover of night, a Marine raid force silently emerged from the sea during a recent amphibious boat raid. As the Marines exited their combat rubber raid crafts, they were greeted by an outburst of enemy gunfire. They immediately rushed the beach line to form a hasty defense.

"Cover me, cover me!" the squad leader shouted. As the fighting became more intense, the squad leader maneuvered his Marines into a more secure defensive position.

Pure pandemonium it would seem, but the Marines had everything under control. Despite having to wage a fierce battle to overcome enemy resistance, the Marines pushed forward in support of their mission to destroy a simulated command and control site.

Accomplishing their mission, the Marines returned to their insertion point at the beach. They jumped in their boats and motored off into the night. Mission complete.

A raid such as this is all in a day's work for the Marines and Sailors of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. This raid was just one of a variety of missions executed during MEU Exercise II as it refined its expeditionary war-fighting skills.

Marine Expeditionary Unit Exercise II was conducted here Aug. 27-30 in the Central Training Area. Its purpose was to give the MEU an opportunity to once again conduct mission planning and execution using the Rapid Response Planning Process in order to further facilitate integration as a Marine Air Ground Task Force.

Although the MEU trains year-round for real-world contingencies, this was only the third opportunity for

the MEU to train its units as a combined team since forming in July.

"MEUEX is all about interoperability," said Col. James M. Lowe, commanding officer, 31st MEU. "When the 31st MEU reforms after each cycle, teams of hardworking, dedicated professionals are joined together for a common mission. Each of these teams comes well trained and exercised within their specific areas of expertise. What is missing is the desired cohesion, teamwork, respect for capabilities and unshakeable confidence that can only be achieved within a MAGTF by demanding training that stresses every element, detachment and team of the MEU."

The MEU achieved its training goals during MEUEX II with help from the Marines of Special Operations Training Group. SOTG provided site controllers, evaluators, and training scenarios for the MEU exercises.

The exercises focused on the MEU conducting Special Operations Capable Exercise mission profiles in day and night environments, while ensuring the basics of MAGTF mission execution were fully understood and practiced in a safe training environment.

The mission profiles used in MEUEX II included: a non-combatant evacuation operation; flight operations; long-range TRAP missions; an airfield seizure, a mechanized raid; and an amphibious boat raid.

The profiles for MEUEX I and MEUEX II were similar, but the operational tempo was much higher at the planning and execution levels during MEUEX II. Training was intensified, as the major subordinate elements (MSEs) were subjected to a series of challenges that forced each element of the MEU to rapidly plan and execute multiple complex missions simultaneously.

"MEUEX II was an outstanding event, but the

exercises were very different. We did different tasks. During MEUEX I, we conducted a humanitarian assistance/disaster relief exercise. But, we did a noncombatant evacuation operation during MEUEX II," said Capt. Michael D. Grice, Echo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 31st MEU. "We did both events with Marine Service Support Group-31, and we experienced excellent interoperability with them."

The MSEs had more insight into probable missions during MEUEX I, but little knowledge of what to expect during the second phase of training. The planning and execution during MEUEX II was designed to be more realistic, according to Capt. Kurt I. Gordon, fire-support control officer, 31st MEU.

"The intent was further integration of the MSEs, and for the MEU, as a whole, to be better prepared to execute contingency missions," Gordon said. "There were some 'stumbles' along the way, but no 'show-stoppers.' Interaction among the MSEs was good."

Teamwork is credited for the MEU's success. Getting the MSEs to operate in unison with one another, however, remained a challenging task for the MEU commander.

"We had our share of challenges, but that's routine at this phase of training," Lowe said. "Success can only be achieved when everyone is operating at peak performance and pulling in the same direction. We haven't achieved 'brilliance,' but we're getting there."

The MEU began its 17th training cycle in July with Training in an Urban Environment Exercise 01-2. Now, upon the successful completion of MEUEX I and MEUEX II, the MEU is gearing up for Amphibious Ready Group Exercise 01-2.

According to the MEU commander, by continuing to train hard the way it has been, the MEU will remain ready for any challenge that comes its way.

"Success can only be achieved when everyone is operating at peak performance and pulling in the same direction."

- Col. James M. Lowe



Throwing punches

According to Lt. Col. Gordon W. Houston, executive officer, Marine Wing Control Group-18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program is about control and knowing when to apply the skills learned during this three-week course.

Marines train in the newest martial arts techniques

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. SCOTT CARLSON
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN — Integration of the Marine Corps' new Martial Arts Program is becoming more evident with many Marines hitting the fleet wearing tan and gray riggers' belts.

However, Okinawa Marines still wearing the web belt may now have the chance to upgrade and learn the Corps' newest martial arts combat techniques.

The Marine Corps Martial Arts Program Far East Satellite Office offers Marines the chance to attend a three-week instructor course. The course will give its graduates an additional military occupational specialty of 8551, and the ability to train their units and the right to wear the green riggers belt.

The Marine Corps Martial Arts Program stresses the importance of physical strength as well as men-

tal and character strength in its instructors.

"The Marine Corps Martial Arts Program is the synergy of three warrior disciplines: mental, character, and physical," states the MCMAP method. "Mental discipline is the development of the combat mindset and the study of the art of war. Character discipline is the firm integration of ethics, values, principles, and leadership; the Marine Corps Core Values — honor, courage, and commitment — are the bedrock of character discipline. Physical discipline is the actual fighting techniques and principles used in battlefield application. Physical skills, combative fitness, and combat sports are the three aspects of this discipline."

"If you're open, receptive and train hard, we'll get you there," said Master Sgt. Shane T. Franklin, director, MCMAP Far East Satellite Office. "But if you're kind of negative ... and don't want to put the effort in, you aren't going to make it."

These character strengths are reiterated at every opportunity during the course.

"This program isn't about going out and kicking people's butts," said Lt. Col. Gordon W. Houston, executive officer, Marine Wing Control Group-18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. "It's about control, and it's about being a moral and ethical Marine knowing when you have to apply this stuff."

According to Franklin, the team of instructors working at the MCMAP Far East Satellite Office was handpicked from varied military occupational spe-

cialties. The school has three instructors, not including Franklin.

One of the best aspects of this instructor course is the ability of the instructors to return to their units to conduct martial arts training during regular physical training time, Franklin added.

The instructor course involves more than 50 hours of classroom training as well as practical application of all techniques that make up the curriculum.

According to Franklin, in order for a Marine to attend the instructor course, a Marine must be a corporal or above, have completed all professional military education required of his or her grade and have a recommendation from his or her command. There is no belt

requirement for those Marines interested in attending the instructor course.

"The road ahead is a Marine Corps of martial arts-trained professionals who can not only fight and eliminate any threat across a spectrum of conflict, but also maintain a functional place in society," according to the MCMAP director's notes. "The nation has always believed that Marines are the force to send in a time when the nation is threatened. Marines are advertised to be warriors who are capable of defending the nation, the Corps, and each other. MCMAP gives the mental, character, and physical disciplines to be what we are advertised to be. If we take care of our Marines, they will take care of the mission."



Staff Sgt. Darrell S. Pinson, instructor, MCMAP Far East, referees a body sparring exercise between two Marines from Marine Aviation Control Group-18 at MCAS Futenma.



The CH-53E provides combat assault support to Marine Corps missions by transporting 55 combat geared troops and delivering supplies to units waiting on the ground.

CH-53E supports Marine Corps' missions



Pfc. Scott A. Forbes, airframes mechanic, HMH-465, performs a check-up on the components of the CH-53E helicopter.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY PFC. MARK S. ALLEN
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — American troops fighting at the front lines are taking heavy casualties. Headquarters receives a radio message requesting artillery. The 11-man crews of the M198 Howitzer cannon are prepared to support our troops.

Unfortunately, the M198s are 50 miles behind the front lines, and the time it takes to tow the cannon over land could cost numerous American lives. What are the American forces' options to get field artillery to the front lines? Send in the CH-53E Super Stallion heavy-lift helicopters.

The CH-53E is capable of lifting the 15,758-pound M198 Howitzer and inserting it to support the infantry.



The CH-53E heavy-lift helicopter is capable of lifting supplies, troops, and downed aircraft. The CH-53E has the lifting power to lift another CH-53E.

The Marine Corps added the CH-53E helicopter to its arsenal in June 1981. Engineers designed the CH-53E to recover downed aircraft and transport large amounts of supplies: beans, bullets, and band-aids. The CH-53E has performed missions in Somalia, Beirut and operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

In less hostile situations, the CH-53E can support the mission effectively by lifting 16 tons of cargo and transporting it at a maximum speed of 172.5 miles per hour.

"Depending on the cargo, the CH-53E could fly four to five hours

without refueling," said Master Sgt. Hans H. Heerema, avionics chief, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-465, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. "Some people call the CH-53E the 'Cadillac of the sky' because it's so big and flies so smooth."

The CH-53E is also equipped with a refueling probe, which gives it the ability to refuel in flight, and gives the helicopter an indefinite range.

The helicopter also has the lifting power to carry another downed CH-53E to a secured area.

"The CH-53E can lift a downed aircraft so the equipment off the downed aircraft could be stripped," said Sgt. Justin R. Olson, CH-53E crew chief, HMH-465 squadron, 1st MAW.

The helicopter can be equipped with two XM-218 .50-caliber machine guns for protection.

"The CH-53E is not an offensive based weapon. The .50-cal.'s on the helicopter are designed to keep the enemies' head down," Heerema said. "They're used as a medium range suppression of enemy fire."

Not offensive by nature, the CH-53E can still provide a strategic blow to the enemy by transporting Marines to combat. It can transport 37 passengers with the helicopter's normal configuration, and 55 passengers with the installation of centerline seats.

The diverse lifting capabilities of personnel, supplies, and aircraft make the CH-53E effective in supporting a spectrum of missions, playing its part in the success of military operations.

"Anywhere the CH-53E goes, it supports the mission, and it does it very well," Heerema said. "The aircraft's diversity is that anything that we can fit inside it or attach a sling to can be carried."

Camp Hansen Marines clear path to history

CPL. SCOTT CARLSON
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN — There is a relatively small patch of overgrown jungle behind the 12th Marine Regiment motor pool. Walking by it, one may never know the secrets it holds deep in layers of overgrowth.

But soon, service members and civilians alike will be able to walk through it with ease, thanks to the tireless efforts of a handful of bulk fuel Marines from the 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group.

Close to a month-and-a-half ago Lt. Col. Brian Hearnberger, commanding officer, Headquarters and Service Company, 9th ESB, 3rd FSSG, decided to take on the task of clearing away the two-acre hillside to uncover a series of old tombs and gravesites.

Hearnberger turned to the bulk fuelers for help.

A team of 20 bulk fuel Marines scoured the hill to find all the graves and tombs before they began clearing out the foliage, said Chief Warrant Officer Eric J. Lizardi, commanding officer, Bulk Fuel Co., 9th ESB, 3rd FSSG. Approximately 20 historical sites were found and documented alphabetically.

"It was all jungle at first," said the Leavenworth, Kan., native. "The hillside had no clearing at all."

Lizardi and his team of workers decided to start clearing the brush out one grave at a time. Grave "A" was the largest grave and was cleaned up in two and a half weeks. Hearnberger went to the site and was pleased with the Marines' work.

Colonel Michael O'Neal, camp commander, was given a tour of the completed sites Sept. 6. He also expressed his appreciation for the work of the Marines of Bulk Fuel Co.

"I'm really impressed," O'Neal said. "I'm really, really impressed with the work they've done. I know this is hard work in black flag conditions."

The Marines chosen for the detail were not concerned with the heat and humidity. All of them volunteered to work on the project.

"When we asked for volunteers, we had so many we just had to pick them," said Sgt. Dale Luebs, crew leader for the project. "These Marines are very motivated. I'm glad they're working with me."

The project is about halfway done, said Lizardi. The bulk fuelers will remain on the site until completion.

"They're very enthusiastic about the whole project," said Lizardi. "It gives them a sense of understanding a lot of Marines don't have about the Okinawan culture."

"There's a lot of work to be done out here," said Bennington, Vt., native, Lance Cpl. Brian M. Prendergast, one of the bulk fuel Marines on the project. I don't think a lot of people understand the importance of the work until they see all the stuff out here. They don't understand the significance."

During the cleanup, the Marines found old artifacts as they cleared out the brush, said Luebs. A military identification card from 1976 was found, as well as fragments of mortar shells, and a World War II helmet.

However, most of the man-made



CPL. SCOTT CARLSON

Pfc. Rigoberto Ramirez, bulk fueler, 9th ESB, 3rd FSSG, gets back to work on cutting a tree stump and other brush that covered old gravesites and tombs on a hillside at Camp Hansen.

remains left in the area were old car batteries, beer bottles and other assorted trash.

According to Lizardi, community relations projects such as this one are important not only to the bulk fuel Marines, but to all of 9th ESB. Tasks such as these are fully sup-

ported by the battalion commander, he said.

"It's the right thing to do," Lizardi said.

Base officials are reviewing a plan to put gravel over the muddy pathway at the completion of the project to make the hill more easily accessible, O'Neal said.

Marines and Sailors clean up Kaisei-en nursing home



STAFF SGT. NATHAN L. HANKS, JR.

Pvt. Sara M. Essex, field wireman, Wire Platoon, Communications Co., H & S Bn., 3rd FSSG, pounds a stake into the ground for tiki torches.

STAFF SGT. NATHAN L. HANKS, JR.
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

ITOMAN CITY — Twenty-five Marines and Sailors from 3rd Force Service Support Group volunteered to help clean up the grounds of Kaisei-en Retirement Home Sept. 1.

The clean up was done in preparation for the annual Kaisei-en Summer Festival later this month.

"It is projects like these that help the Marines and Sailors learn more about the Okinawan culture," said 1st Lt. Troy T. Lowe, camp services officer, Camp Kinser. "Although it was a three-day weekend, they took time to help out the community and their contributions are recognized and greatly appreciated."

The Marines and Sailors were from Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Materiel Readiness Battalion and Marine Service Support Group-31.

"I would like to give special appreciation to the Marines and Sailors for all their help with the moving and now cleaning up of Kaisei-en," said Fumimasa Yafuso, general manager, Kaisei-en Retirement Home. "Thanks for the commitment to the local community."

The Marines and Sailors spent the day washing windows, cutting grass, sweeping and putting in poles for tiki torches.

"I am an outside person," said Pfc. Shaun G. Beckwith, heavy equipment operator, Landing Support Detachment, MSSG-31.

"Instead of sitting around in the barracks (because of the rain) and do nothing, I wanted to be productive," he said.

Even though it rained most of the day, it did not dampen their spirits.

"This is my first time working in the local community," said Seaman Daniel E. Fleck, hospitalman, Health Service Detachment, MSSG-31. "I enjoyed working with Okinawans, Sailors and Marines to accomplish a mission."

At the end of the day the Marines and Sailors were happy with their accomplishments.

"I can look back and see a finished product," Fleck said. "I am looking forward to the next community relations project."

"We are short of manpower and are always looking for volunteers," Yafuso said. "The Marines and Sailors of Camp Kinser always respond to our request."

The Marines and Sailors of 3rd FSSG also helped move equipment and furniture from their old facility to Kaisei-en Retirement Home's present location in March.

"I am looking forward to more volunteer jobs in the future and building friendship," Yafuso said. "Again, thanks for your help."

Gooooaaaall!!!

3rd FSSG takes home soccer title

LANCE CPL. KENNETH L. HINSON
 COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Pressure! Pressure!

The words echoed from the mouths of the 3rd Force Service Support Group soccer team defense as it defeated Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni 3-1 in the 2001 Commander Marine Force Pacific Regional Soccer Tournament Aug. 30.

The annual tournament featured six teams from Okinawa, mainland Japan and Hawaii.

However, when the sun and sweat settled, only two teams proved they had what it takes to compete in the championship game. Squaring off against each other would decide who would go home victorious.

3rd FSSG kicked off the first half of the championship game with Thomas Clark, striker, scoring a quick goal within the first 15 minutes of play. They quickly added another goal to their score when MCAS Iwakuni goalkeeper, Curtis Grimsley, failed to stop a free kick.

Continuing through the half, the teams traded possession of the ball frequently. Eventually, MCAS Iwakuni retaliated when Daniel Silva, right wing, capped off a 35-minute scoreless period with a goal, which brought the score to 2-1.

The second half continued much the same way as both teams battled to get the ball down the field into scoring range. After 30 minutes of struggling in the second half, 3rd FSSG striker, Ricardo

Marston, scored the team's last point, making the score 3-1.

Down 3-1, MCAS Iwakuni fought back with intensity to try and pull their team from behind. Right wing Brian Crouser made Iwakuni's last attempt to score, but came up short. 3rd FSSG used the last five minutes of the game to run time off the clock, giving them the 3-1 victory.

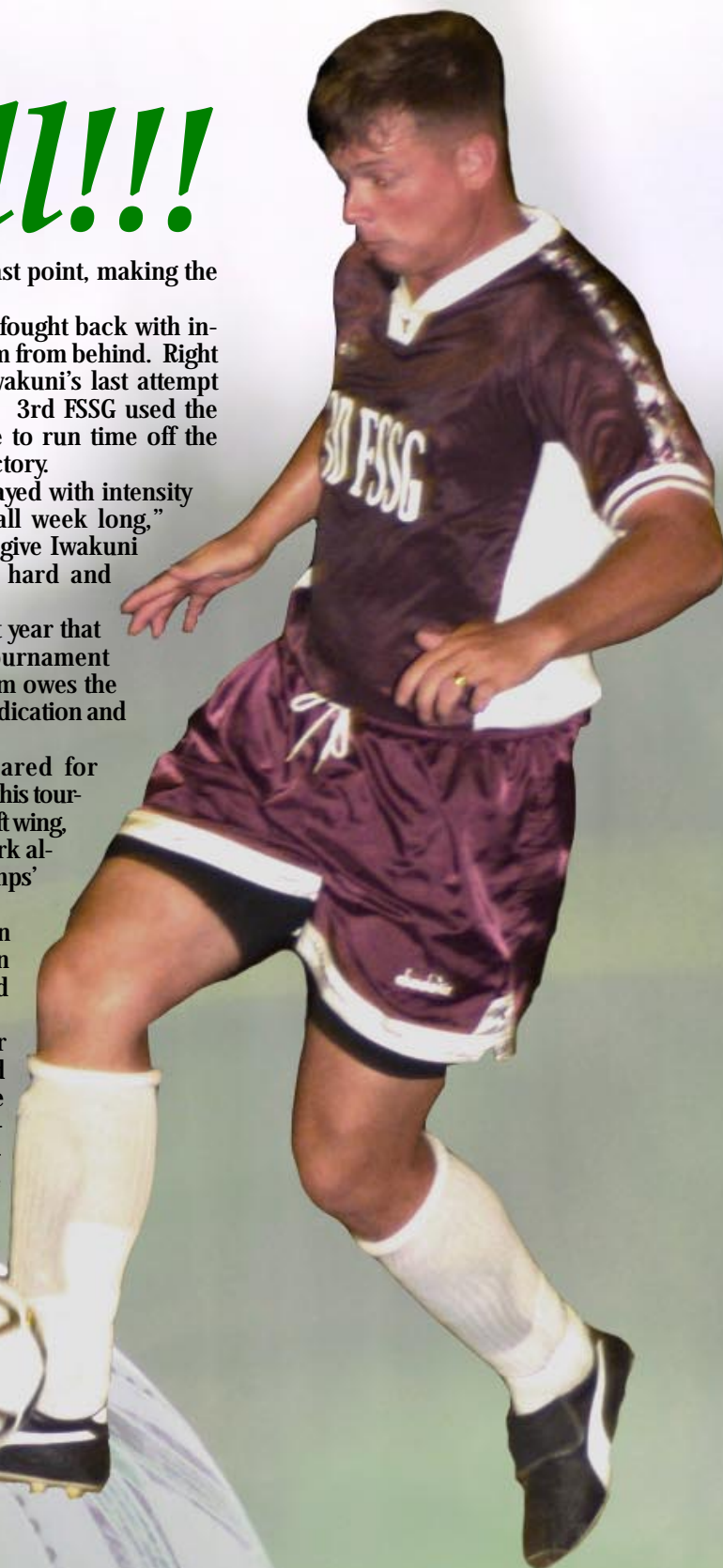
"Today, the entire team played with intensity and effort, just like we did all week long," Marston said. "I do have to give Iwakuni credit, because they played hard and gave us a competitive game."

This victory marks the first year that 3rd FSSG has earned the tournament title. One player feels the team owes the victory to hours of practice, dedication and love for the game.

"We practiced and prepared for weeks just to be competitive in this tournament," said Manuel Nuno, left wing, 3rd FSSG. "I feel our hard work allows us to leave here with 'champs' written across our backs."

The 3rd FSSG players can now relax until next year, when they plan to return and defend their hard earned title.

"We'll be back next year with the same team work and dedication that earned us the title this year," Nuno concluded. "Being the defending champs should give us the boost we need to make it two in a row."



3rd FSSG striker, Aaron Greer, with the help of his teammates, won the title of COMMARFORPAC Regional Soccer Tournament Champions Aug. 30 at Camp Foster's Field 1.

Okinawa's newest hot spot ...

the PALMS



The Palms has more than 65,000 feet of operational space, making it the Corps' largest consolidated club.



Camp Hansen Marines, Sailors and civilian employees now have a larger variety in entertainment and dining with the opening of the base's new consolidated club, the Palms. The club has four separate rank lounges and two restaurants, the Tradewinds and Coconuts.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. SCOTT CARLSON
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN — Marines, Sailors and civilians celebrated the opening of the Palms, the base's new consolidated club Aug. 31 with a pounding performance by Zampa Ufujishi Daiko Taiko drummer troupe, and a night full of entertainment.

The multimillion dollar facility offers separate lounges for officers, staff noncommissioned officers and enlisted Marines. It also features two dining facilities inside where patrons can choose a formal dining experience at The Tradewinds, or fast food at Coconuts. The Palms has more than 65,000 feet of operational space, making it

the largest consolidated club in the Marine Corps.

"We want to provide the young Sailors and Marines a place that is a safe, secure environment where they can party and have a good time, but make it back to their dormitory without incident," said James Garringer, installation club manager, Marine Corps Community Services.

Other services provided by the Palms are an information kiosk inside the club where Marines and Sailors can go for information on events and activities on the island.

"That information desk is going to be a central focal point for information islandwide, not just club information," Garringer said. "We want to encourage people to come to the club if no more than to just utilize that center."

Catering services are also available for unit functions, private parties, or wedding receptions.

"This club will not just be the premier club on the island, but the premier club in the Marine Corps," Garringer said.

The camp commander agreed with Garringer on the value of the new club.

"I think it's a fantastic facility," said Col. Michael O'Neal, commanding officer, Camp Hansen. "It's probably the best club in the Marine Corps."

According to Garringer, the club took a lot of planning and hard work to make it the top-of-the-line for the Marines and Sailors.

"We're proud of it, and we expect all patrons to be proud of it," Garringer concluded.



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1991 Honda Prelude — JCI March 03, \$3,000. **1992 Nissan Skyline** — JCI July 03, \$2,000. 633-2737 or 090-8293-4369.
1995 Harley Super Glide — \$11,000 OBO. 090-3792-7660.
1991 Eunos Presso — JCI Oct. 02, \$2,200 OBO. 636-4438.
1990 Nissan Sylvia — JCI Feb. 02, \$2,000 OBO. 637-3134.
1988 BMW 520i — \$4,200 OBO. 645-4511 or e-mail Lounmary@kconnect.net.
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1985 Toyota Town Ace — JCI Dec. 02, \$1,000. 939-6179.
1994 Toyota ED — JCI Sept. 03, \$3,900. 646-6752.
1990 Toyota Carina — JCI Sept. 03, \$2,500 OBO. 646-4941.
1991 Nissan Cefiro — JCI March 02, \$2,200 OBO. 622-6465.
1991 Mazda MX-3 — JCI Oct. 02, \$2,200 OBO. 636-4438.
1993 Toyota Cresta — JCI Aug. 02, \$1,800 OBO. **1991 Honda Civic** — JCI Oct. 01, \$1,000 OBO. 622-8649 or 623-4066.
1992 Toyota Cresta — JCI Aug. 03, \$1,900 OBO. 646-5872.
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1999 Kawasaki KLR-650 — JCI May 03, \$3,800 OBO. **1999 Honda XR-100R** — \$1,500 OBO. 637-2780.
1997 Kawasaki Ninja — JCI Jan. 02, \$2,600 OBO. 622-5128.
1988 Toyota Levin — JCI Nov 01, \$500 OBO. 622-0945.
1991 Toyota Corona — JCI Jan. 02, \$1,800 OBO. 637-2088.
1990 Nissan Presea — JCI Nov. 01, \$1,000 OBO. 646-2503.

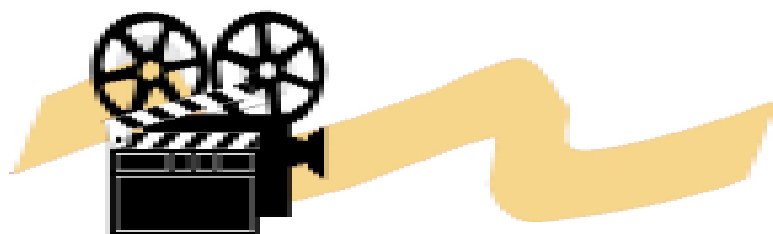


MISCELLANEOUS

Misc. — Six-shelf cabinet, 70 inches x 30 inches x 16 inches, \$25; wardrobe with 4 shelves, 70 inches x 48 inches x 20 inches, \$50; futon bunkbed, \$300. 633-2737 or 090-8293-4369.
Free Dog — Male, found abandoned, rehabilitated, neutered, all shots current, housebroken, great with kids, 645-5137.
Wanted — Stateside car, would like to ship to Guam. 646-4511 or e-mail Lounmary@kconnect.net.
Drapes — J.C. Penney hunter green drapes with valance, 90 inches x 66 inches, \$55. 622-8412.
Palm V Modem — Brand new, unopened, unused, still in shrink wrap, \$75. 646-6230.
Transformer — SU-1,500-watt, with two plug-in power outlets, \$75. Franc, 646-5494.
Transformers — Two 1,000-watt and one 2,000-watt, \$185 OBO. 645-4578.
Wanted — Babysitter for 8-month-old girl, 3-4 days a week, pay negotiable. 646-6975.
Transformers — Two 1,000-watt, \$80 each. Susan, 633-8868.
Bedroom set — Nine-piece oak with headboard and footboard, two nightstands, dresser with mirror, two chests of drawers, less than 1 year old, \$800. 939-7842.
Japanese fridge/freezer — SR-14 Sanyo, used for less than one year, 4.5-feet high, \$130. 090-3795-8622.

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Schwab (625-2333)
Fri Angel Eyes (R); 7:00
Sat The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 6:00
Sat Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG); 9:00
Sun The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 3:00
Sun Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG); 6:00
Mon Jeepers Creepers (R); 7:00
Tue Jeepers Creepers (R); 7:00
Wed Closed
Thu Moulin Rouge (PG13); 7:00

Hansen (623-4564)
Fri American Outlaws (PG13); 6:00, 9:00
Sat American Outlaws (PG13); 6:00, 9:00
Sun Baby Boy (R); 2:00, 5:30
Mon Shrek (PG); 7:00
Tue Shrek (PG); 7:00
Wed Crazy Beautiful (PG13); 7:00
Thu Crazy Beautiful (PG13); 7:00

Courtney (622-9616)
Fri Jeepers Creepers (R); 7:00



Sat Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG); 7:00
Sun The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 7:00
Mon Closed
Tue Closed
Wed Dr. Dolittle 2 (PG); 1:00
Wed Angel Eyes (R); 7:00
Thu Closed

Keystone (634-1869)
Fri The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 6:30
Fri American Pie 2 (R); 9:30
Sat Shrek (PG); 1:00
Sat American Pie 2 (R); 5:30
Sat Jeepers Creepers (R); 8:30
Sun Shrek (PG); 2:00
Sun Crazy Beautiful (PG13); 5:30
Sun Jeepers Creepers (R); 8:30
Mon Crazy Beautiful (PG13); 7:00
Tue Baby Boy (R); 7:00
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Thu Crazy Beautiful (PG13); 7:00

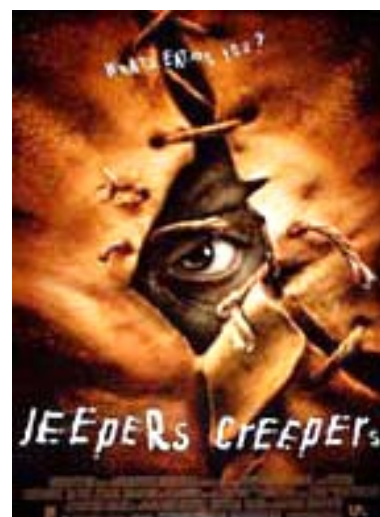
Butler (645-3465)
Fri Summer Catch (PG13); 7:00, 10:00
Sat Shrek (PG); 1:00, 4:00



Sat Summer Catch (PG13); 7:00, 10:00
Sun Shrek (PG); 1:00, 4:00
Sun Baby Boy (R); 7:00
Mon Baby Boy (R); 7:00
Tue Crazy Beautiful (PG13); 7:00
Wed Crazy Beautiful (PG13); 7:00
Thu Jeepers Creepers (R); 7:00

Futenma (636-3890)
Fri Atlantis: The Lost Empire (PG); 7:30
Sat The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 6:00, 11:00
Sun Angel Eyes (R); 6:00
Mon American Outlaws (PG13); 7:30
Tue Closed
Wed Summer Catch (PG13); 7:30
Thu Closed

Kinser (637-2177)
Fri Dr. Dolittle (PG); 7:00
Sat Shrek (PG); 3:00
Sat Baby Boy (R); 7:00, 11:30
Sun Crazy Beautiful (PG13); 7:00
Mon Closed
Tue Shrek (PG); 7:00
Wed Jeepers Creepers (R); 7:00
Thu Crazy Beautiful (PG13); 7:00



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